

**INDIANA ARTS COMMISSION  
PROGRAMS, GRANTS AND SERVICES COMMITTEE**

March 6, 2014

IAC Office, 100 N. Senate Avenue, Room N505  
Indianapolis, Indiana 46204

Nancy Stewart, Chair

Minutes

Members present: none

Members via teleconference: Allen Platt, Micah Smith, Nancy Stewart

Members absent: Pam Hicks, Linda Levell, Al Rent, Trevor Yager

IAC staff present: Michelle Anderson, Sarah Fronczek, Dennis Hardin, Becca Hopson, Lewis Ricci, Paige Sharp

IAC staff via teleconference: Kristina Davis

Note: Due to lack of quorum, no actions were taken during this meeting.

1. **Welcome and Introductions.** IAC Commissioner Nancy Stewart called the meeting to order at 1:30 p.m. and asked everyone to introduce themselves.

2. **Consent Agenda.** Due to lack of quorum, no action was taken. The minutes from the November 11, 2013 meeting of the Programs, Grants and Services Committee will be presented for approval at a special meeting of the committee prior to the next meeting of the full Commission on March 21.

3. **Statewide Grant Reduction for Organizations.** IAC Executive Director Lewis Ricci reported that the Office of the Governor has mandated an additional 1.5% reduction in the budgets of all state agencies for FY 2014; for the Indiana Arts Commission, this reduction amounts to \$133,000. Most of the reduction was absorbed by the IAC's administrative costs, but Mr. Ricci announced that a 0.5% reduction will be applied to all organizational grants for FY 2014. This amount will be deducted from each organizations final grant payment. Information letters have been sent to all affected organizations.

4. **Poetry Out Loud Report.** IAC Community Development Manager/Education Coordinator Sarah Fronczek reported on the recent state-wide final Poetry Out Loud Competition, held on February 22 at the Indianapolis-Marion County Public Library. Seventeen students participated, and the winner was Emma Libersky from Plymouth High School. Ms. Fronczek will accompany Ms. Libersky to the national Poetry Out

Loud final competition in Washington DC in April. Ms. Fronczek thanked her IAC co-workers who assisted at the competition.

**5. Community Cultural Planning Consultancy Status Report.** IAC Director of Programs Kristina Davis reported that all of the approved Community Cultural Planning Consultancies have been launched, including four communities which are receiving mini-consultancies.

**6. IU/SPEA Cultural Districts Report.** Mr. Ricci provided an update on the research performed by class-members of Joanna Woronkowicz at Indiana University. They worked as teams and visited all of the designated Indiana Cultural Districts, to gather data relating to economic changes brought about by the official designation. Ms. Woronkowicz is now compiling the data and will have a report for the Commission at its September meeting.

**7. Grant Program Status.** IAC Community Development Manager/Access Coordinator Becca Hopson reported on the Individual Artist Program (IAP) grants for FY 2015. Workshops for applicants were held in January, 2014, and review panel orientations were held in February. There have been 135 applicants to the IAP program this year. The review panels will meet in April, and the full Commission will approve the list of grantees at its June meeting. The application period for Regional Initiative Grants (RIG) closed in February. Statewide there are 85 applications for Arts Operating Support (AOS I and AOS II) and 157 applications for Arts Project Support (APS). Panel reviews are scheduled beginning in mid-April.

**8. Bicentennial Update.** Mr. Ricci reported on his recent meeting with the Indiana Bicentennial Commission, where he presented five ideas for potential IAC participation in the celebration. The proposals include: a) designation of all project grants in FY 2015, 2016 and 2017 as “bicentennial projects”; b) a “supercharged” version of the 2015 Governor’s Arts Awards, to coincide with the Bicentennial, the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Arts Commission, and the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Governor’s Arts Awards; c) collaboration with the Department of Natural Resources for “art in the state parks”; d) a new grant category that will emphasize “Indiana Masterpieces”; e) commissioned works of art for public spaces in the state, including the Cultural Districts. Mr. Ricci reported that the Bicentennial Commission was very enthusiastic about participation by the IAC. The Bicentennial Commission will meet again on April 11.

**9. Visioning Discussion.** Mr. Ricci referred to a new document which will be presented at the next meeting of the full Commission, which aims to focus on future initiatives of the Arts Commission beyond its current Strategic Plan.

**10. Old Business.** There was no old business.

**11. New Business.** Mr. Ricci reminded everyone that April 24 – 25 is National Arts Advocacy Day in Washington, DC. He and IAC Commissioner Karen Ellerbrook will be attending as part of the Indiana delegation. He urged members of the Programs,

Grants and Services Committee to contact Congresspersons in their own districts to set up meetings with the Indiana delegation.

12. **Adjourn.** Ms. Stewart thanked everyone for their participation and closed the meeting at 2:20 p.m.